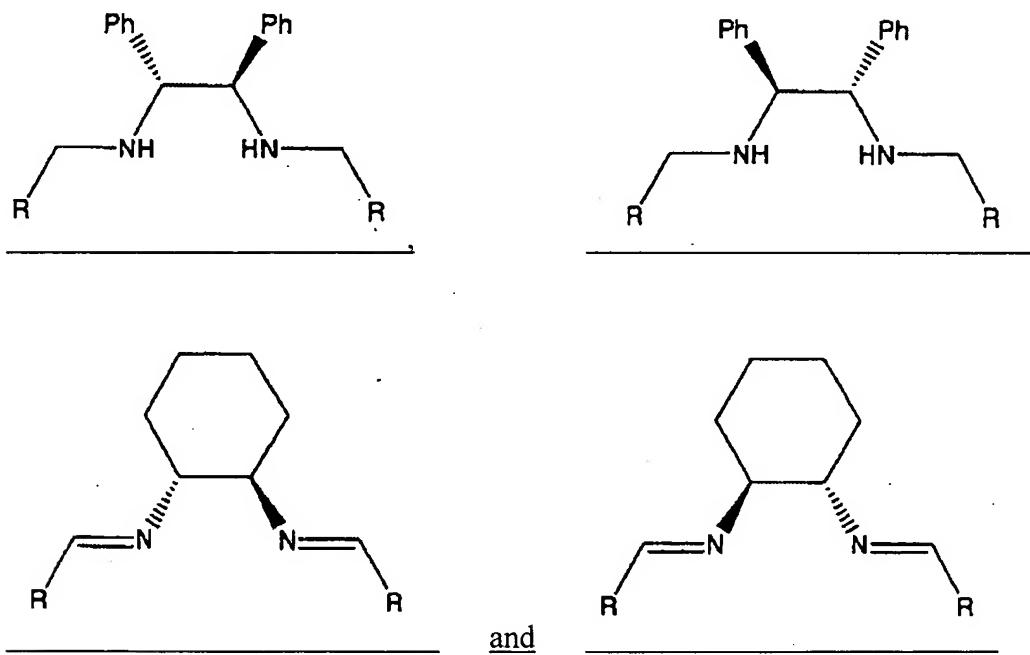


Amendments to the Claims

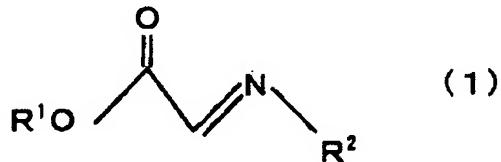
1. (Currently amended) A method of an enantioselective nucleophilic addition reaction of enamide, which is a method of a nucleophilic addition reaction of comprises reacting an enamide compound accompanied by generation of an amino group to an imino group (-CH=N-) of and an imine compound, being characterized by allowing the reaction to be performed in the presence of a chiral copper catalyst to produce a compound with an amino group formed from an imino group (-CH=N-) of the imine compound generated by the nucleophilic addition reaction, the chiral copper catalyst being a bivalent copper compound which is a salt of an organic or inorganic acid or a complex or composite of the salt, and a chiral diamine ligand selected from the group consisting of the compounds represented by the following formulae:



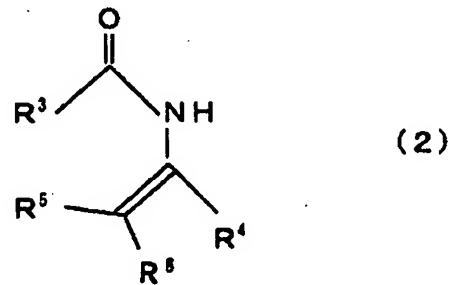
where R represents a hydrocarbon group which may have a substituent.

2-3. (Cancelled)

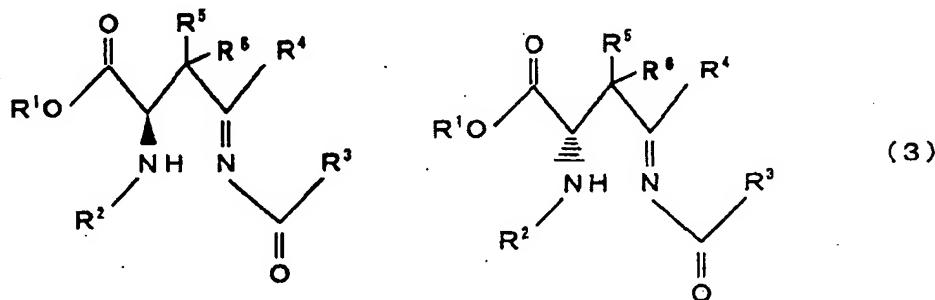
4. (Currently amended) A method for synthesizing an optically active α -amino- γ -imino acid ester, which is the method of the enantioselective nucleophilic addition reaction of enamide according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 3, being characterized in that Claim 1, wherein~~ the imine compound is represented by the following formula (1):



(wherein R^1 represents a hydrocarbon group which may have a substituent; R^2 represents an $R^0\text{-CO-}$ or $R^0\text{-O-CO-}$ group, wherein R^0 represents a hydrocarbon group which may have a substituent); and the enamide compound is represented by the following formula (2):

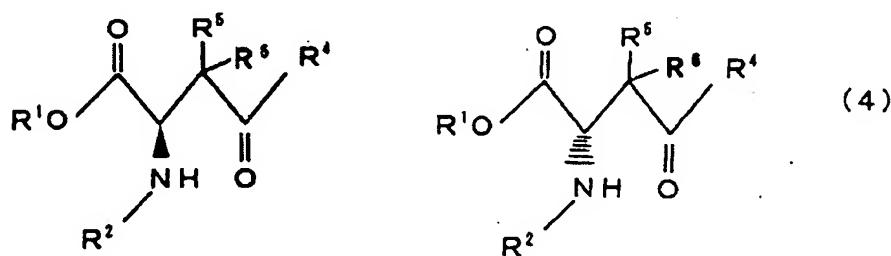


(wherein R^3 represents a hydrocarbon group which may have a substituent or a hydrocarbon group which may have a substituent to be bonded via an oxygen atom; R^4 represents a hydrocarbon group which may have a substituent; and R^5 and R^6 may be same with or different from each other and each ~~represent~~ represents a hydrogen atom or a hydrocarbon group which may have a substituent, wherein at least one of them represents a hydrogen atom), and generates a compound represented by at least one of the following formulae (3):



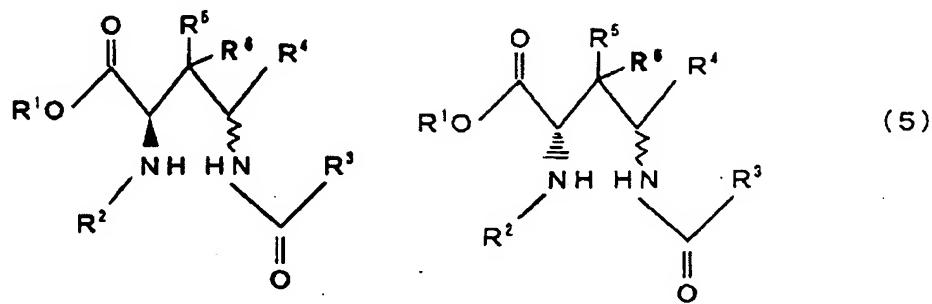
(wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ each represent same article as described are defined above).

5. (Currently amended) A method for synthesizing an optically active α -amino- γ -keto acid ester, being characterized in that, which comprises, after the nucleophilic addition reaction according to Claim 4, performing an acid treatment is performed, to thereby generate a compound represented by at least one of the following formulae (4):



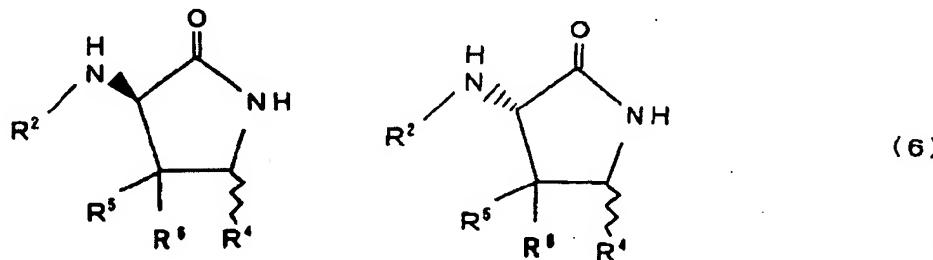
(wherein R¹, R², R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ each represent same article as described are defined above).

6. (Currently amended) A method for synthesizing an optically active α , γ -diamino acid ester, being characterized in that, which comprises, after the nucleophilic addition reaction according to Claim 4, performing a reduction treatment is performed, to thereby generate a compound represented by at least one of the following formulae (5):



(wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ each represent same article as described are defined above).

7. (Currently amended) A method for synthesizing optically active γ -lactams, being characterized in that which comprises removing an acyl group of a γ -amino group of the optically active α, γ -diamino acid ester synthesized by the method according to Claim 6 is removed, to thereby generate a compound represented by at least one of the following formulae (6):



(wherein R², R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ each represent same article as described are defined above).